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Dear Mr. Ryan,

As I reported to you on July 29, the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group supports supplemental Trinity River flow releases of up to 50,000 acre-feet this late summer to decrease the likelihood of another adult salmonid die-off in the lower Klamath River. It's clear from TAMWG discussion that members consider the additional Trinity releases appropriate under current circumstances.

However, members also feel that Klamath River problems cannot be cured by Trinity River releases, and that improvement in Klamath River management is necessary in order to provide lasting protection for the fish populations of both rivers. Towards such improvement, the TAMWG unanimously recommends that the TMC endorse and pursue:

1. Closer coordination among Klamath and Trinity management entities;
2. Release of a federal report on the 2002 fish die-off in the lower Klamath;
3. Release of the Hardy Phase II Klamath River flow study; and
4. Equitable balance between Klamath and Trinity releases intended to improve conditions in the lower Klamath.

I would of course be happy to discuss these recommendations with you and/or the TMC at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Arnold Whitridge

Arnold Whitridge, Chair
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